

Reopen Case, Says Warren Commission Lawyer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A former Warren Commission lawyer asked Congress Saturday to reopen the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, partly because of "inexcusable dereliction of duty" by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) — in withholding evidence from the original inquiry.

The lawyer, David W. Belin, said he is confident a thorough new investigation would confirm the same conclusion reached in September, 1964, by the commission headed by the late Chief Justice Earl Warren: that Lee Harvey Oswald, "beyond a reasonable doubt" was Kennedy's lone killer.

But he refused to rule out the possibility that evidence of a conspiracy may some day surface.

Belin announced he has filed requests under the Freedom of Information Act for public release of all materials relating to the assassination held by the CIA and the National Archives, including Kennedy autopsy photographs and X-rays. He said withholding of the medical reports at the request of the family was a mistake.

ALTHOUGH NO material uncovered since 1964 "in any way disproves" the commission's conclusions about Oswald, Belin said: "To the extent that the CIA and the FBI failed to disclose all relevant evidence to the Warren Commission, there was an inexcusable dereliction of duty on the part of these governmental agencies."

A frequent target of critics of the

Warren Commission report, Belin issued a statement on the 12th anniversary of Kennedy's death in Dallas, Texas. He appears today on a nationally televised interview (CBS-TV's Face the Nation).

In the statement, and in a telephone interview, Belin stressed he is certain that any new investigation would conclude that Oswald killed both Kennedy and Dallas policeman J. D. Tippit, even with access to CIA and FBI evidence which the Warren Commission never saw.

BELIN WAS co-counsel of that phase of the commission inquiry concentrating on who killed Kennedy and Tippit.

But, Belin told UPI, "I cannot be absolutely certain that no evidence will ever turn up indicating a conspiracy."

In his statement, he said Congress should look for "any credible evidence of any foreign conspiracy." "The Warren Commission found none — but the Warren Commission

did not have any information concerning CIA assassination plans directed against Fidel Castro and possible ramification of such plans," he said.

"However," he said, "I want to state specifically that I do not know of any direct evidence that proves the existence of any foreign (or domestic) conspiracy..."

"But there may be some additional light shed on what motivated Oswald to kill President Kennedy."



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... Saturday was 12th anniversary of assassination